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Georgia DOT to Host a Virtual Public Information Open House on I-285/I-20 West Interchange Reconstruction

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) is seeking public comment on the proposed improvements for the I-285/I-20 West Interchange project in Fulton, Cobb, and Douglas counties. In keeping with Governor Brian Kemp’s directive to keep state government agencies functioning as Georgia combats the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia DOT will be hosting a virtual Public Information Open House (PIOH) by posting information related to the proposed project on an online platform at www.dot.ga.gov/I285I20W.

“We are pleased to have this virtual PIOH available to the public during the pandemic, continuing our efforts to improve transportation in Georgia,” said Georgia DOT Program Manager Matthew Fowler. “We will continue to provide various options for the public to comment and participate in the process as we pursue this very important project.”

Proposed improvements to the interchange include:

- Reconstructing the interchange to remove left-hand exits and improve design speed, and modification and/or replacement of existing bridges and ramps
- Constructing a collector-distributor (CD) system on I-20 westbound from the interchange to Fulton Industrial Boulevard (FIB)
- Constructing lanes and providing improvements along I-20 from Thornton Road to Hamilton E. Holmes Drive
- Modifying several bridges along I-20, including bridges over CSX Railroad and Chattahoochee River, and

- Adding a new lane and improvements along I-285 southbound from D.L. Hollowell Parkway to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

There will be **two, live-chat sessions** scheduled for Sept. 22 and 24, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., allowing the public to ask questions of designated project Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). For the full schedule and details on how to access the live-chat sessions, visit the online platform.

As part of the virtual experience, Georgia DOT's online platform includes an interactive meeting room with displays, videos, and materials that would be found at traditional in-person public meetings. The information in the virtual meeting room will be available throughout the public comment period.

To view the printed displays, please visit Georgia DOT's District 7 Office at 5025 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee, Ga., 30341 or Georgia DOT's Statewide Location Bureau/ODPS, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta Ga., 30336. *The displays will be available weekdays, from September 8 to October 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.* Georgia DOT representatives will not be staffing these displays; however, you may submit questions regarding the project using any of the comment options available below.

Public comments can be accepted during the virtual PIOH and until October 8 by:

1. Leaving a comment in the comment section of the virtual PIOH site at www.dot.ga.gov/I285I20W.
2. Email your comments to WestInterchange@dot.ga.gov
3. Dial the project hotline at **470.370.5565** which will provide general information and the opportunity to leave a recorded comment
4. Submitting written comments to the Georgia Department of Transportation; Attention: Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator, 600 West Peachtree Street, NE – 16th Floor, Atlanta, Ga., 30308

To learn more about the proposed project improvements and to provide input, visit the project website at <https://majormobilityga.com/projects/westsideic/>

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